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Please replace the paragraph beginning at col. 4, line 15 ("FIG. 2 shows ...") with the following paragraph:

FIG. 2 shows the use of the sheet 10 on a counter top 28. A knife 30 with blade 24 is being utilized to slice a food article 32 (celery in this instance) into suitable size pieces 34. After all of the food articles have been cut to an appropriate size, they are transferred to an appropriate container in the manner hereinafter described. However, for purposes of illustration, it is assume that vegetables or other food articles being shown in FIG. 2 were prepared after chicken or other food articles had previously been prepared on the opposing surface 26. FIG. 1 shows the sheet 10 which has been flexed by being grasped by the user adjacent one end. A large piece of prepared chicken 36 is positioned with its center of mass closely proximate to the opposite end. As illustrated, the sheet has a width of approximately 11 inches and a length of approximately 15 inches. Therefore, the weight of the chicken or other food article 36 is supported on a cantilever beam support formed by the flexion of the sheet. Weights in excess of five ounces can be supported in this manner at distances of 10 inches and as great as 12 to 14 inches from the held end. Food articles so supported can be transported substantial distances (for example across the room) to a suitable container such as the bowl 38. When the sheet 10 is rested on the upper edge 40 of bowl 38, it has sufficient flexibility to produce a substantial line of contact around the circumference of the bowl. This additional support allows the user to raise the held end of the sheet sufficient distance to cause the food articles to slide off of the sheet

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and into the bowl under the influence of gravity. Transfer of the material is facilitated by the finish of the material produced by the extrusion process.

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